

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act, 1980 – Diversion of forest land to an extent of **27.9133 ha** in **WL Eturnagaram** forest division and **Venkatapuram** forest division under Mulugu District, for Construction of Barrage across river Godavari near Thupakulagudem (V), Kannaigudem (M) under P.V.Narasimha Rao Kanthanapally Sujala Sravanthi Project Phase-I, Package-I, in favour of Chief Engineer, Godavari Lift Irrigation Scheme, Warangal – **Final (Stage-II)** approval accorded – Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 18

Dated: 01-07-2020,
Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd. Rc.No.8388/2019-FCA-1, Dt.30.11.2019.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.4377/For.I(1)/2019, Dt:18.02.2020.
3. From Dy. IG of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSC165/2020-CHN/409, Dt.22.04.2020.
4. From the PCCF, TS, Hyd., Rc.No.8388/2019-FCA-1,Dt.08.05.2020.
5. State Govt. Lr.No.4377/For.I(1)/2019, Dt:08.05.2020.
6. From GoI, MoEF&CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSC165/2020-CHN/470, Dt.01.06.2020.

ORDER

In his letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal for diversion of forest land to an extent of **27.9133 ha** in **WL Eturnagaram forest division** and **Venkatapuram forest division** under Mulugu District, for Construction of Barrage across river Godavari near Thupakulagudem (V), Kannaigudem (M) under P.V.Narasimha Rao Kanthanapally Sujala Sravanthi Project Phase-I, Package-I, in favour of Chief Engineer, Godavari Lift Irrigation Scheme, Warangal.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai, for granting approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.

3. In their letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai, have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the above proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

4. In the letter 5th read above, the Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for according necessary approval.

5. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final (Stage-II) approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

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6. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of forest land to an extent of **27.9133 ha** in **WL Eturnagaram forest division** and **Venkatapuram forest division** under Mulugu District, for Construction of Barrage across river Godavari near Thupakulagudem (V), Kannaigudem (M) under P.V.Narasimha Rao Kanthanapally Sujala Sravanthi Project Phase-I, Package-I, in favour of Chief Engineer, Godavari Lift Irrigation Scheme, Warangal, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The demarcation of the diverted forest area shall be carried out by the erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the State Forest Department from the amount already been realized from the user agency.
3. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over 28.596 ha of non forest area in Sy.Nos.23/5, 23/9/1/24/1, 26/1 and 36/9/1/1 Bollepally Village, Tadvai Division, Mulugu District and over 28.00 ha of degraded forest area in compartment No.440/1 of Lingala East beat of Lingala Section of Range Lingala of Tadvai Division to meet number of plants required to be planted from the amount already been realized from the user agency;
4. The State Forest Department shall carryout Penal Compensatory Afforestation (PCA) and its maintenance over 16.14 ha in Compt No.1471, Roheer (Beat), Etunagaram (N) Range, Chityal RF and 10.00 ha in Compt No.84, Ramachandrapuram (Beat), Venkatapuram Range, Nugurr RF from the amount already been realized from the user agency;
5. Non-forest mutated for CA purpose shall be notified under Section-4 of the Telangana Forest Act, 1967 as per the Telangana Government G.O.Ms.No.15, dt.29.05.2020. A copy of the original Gazette Notification shall be furnished before handing over of the forest area to the User agency for execution of the project;
6. The non forest and degraded forest lands identified CA land and CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
7. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency;
8. The State Government shall take necessary action as per the provisions made in hand book 1.21 (ii) (c) (d);
9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
10. The User Agency / State Government comply with all conditions / mitigation measures imposed by the NBWL at the project cost;
11. State Forest Department shall carryout measures as per the Catchment Area Treatment Plant submitted from the amount already realized from the User Agency;

12. The User Agency shall not object the State Forest Department Authorities to have free rights to use the water for nursery / forestry related work and similar facilities to manage forest and fauna of the area;
13. The State Forest Department shall fell minimum trees wherever required and may carryout translocation of trees wherever feasible from the amount already been realized from the User Agency and report on such translocated tree may be furnished to this office for record;
14. User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;
15. State Irrigation Department shall ensure that no officials of the Irrigation Department shall indulge in any work in the forest area in violation of FCA, 1980;
16. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
17. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
18. The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at designated dumping sited and in no case the muck/debris will be disposed off in the forest areas.
19. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / subject to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
20. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
21. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 27.9133 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for anyu purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
22. The approval under FCA, 1980 is subject to the clearance under all other Acts, Rules, Guidelines, Regulations and Court Orders applicable to such project;
23. Annual self compliance report on conditions imposed in this order, shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Government and the Regional Office, MoEEF&CC Chennai;
24. Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG (Central) of Regional Office, Chennai any may impose form time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;

25. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for Penal action provision made under FCA, 1980 and guidelines made thereunder.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC).

To
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PS to Hon'ble M (F&E).

PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., EFS&T Department.

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